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FutureGen Alliance Selects Mattoon, Illinois as the Final Site for the First-of-a-kind, Near-Zero Emissions Coal-fueled Power Plant

Washington, D.C. — The FutureGen Alliance today announced that Mattoon, Illinois has been chosen as the final site to host the FutureGen power plant.

“The Alliance would like to congratulate Mattoon, Illinois for being chosen as the final site to host the FutureGen facility,” said Mike Mudd, Chief Executive Officer of the FutureGen Alliance. “Officials from Mattoon should be commended for their determination and dedication to the FutureGen program.”

The site evaluation process has been rigorous, transparent, and held to the highest level of scrutiny. The U.S. DOE’s environmental review was thorough and resulted in finding all four candidate sites worthy of being selected. The selection of Mattoon, will be finalized upon the Department of Energy’s (DOE) issuance of the National Environmental Policy Act Record of Decision and other DOE contractual formalities. Completing this massive effort in such a short time is a testament to the teamwork by the DOE, its contractors, the states and the Alliance. The Alliance used over 120 different factors in the general areas of cost, risks to cost and schedule, and benefits in making the final selection.

The Alliance and Illinois will now work together to move FutureGen forward at a continued fast pace to develop this much-needed, first-of-a-kind research and development program. With the issue of climate change at the top of Congress’ agenda and on the minds of many policy-makers around the globe, FutureGen and its continued progress toward advancing new technologies such as carbon capture and storage is more important than ever.

Over the course of the program, the Alliance has maintained an aggressive schedule and today’s announcement marks another milestone by the FutureGen Alliance in developing this technology solution.

The FutureGen Alliance greatly appreciates the support from Mattoon and the other three candidate sites over the past two years, and looks forward to making the project a reality.

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The FutureGen Alliance is a non-profit organization that represents some of the world's largest coal companies and electric utilities including: American Electric Power Service Corporation, Anglo American Services (UK) Limited, BHP Billiton Energy Coal, Inc., China Huaneng Group, CONSOL Energy Inc., E.ON U.S. LLC, Foundation Coal Corporation, Luminant, PPL Energy Services Group, LLC, Peabody Energy Corporation, Rio Tinto Energy America Services, Southern Company Services, Inc., and Xstrata Coal Pty Limited. The Alliance is partnering with the U.S. Department of Energy to design and build the facility. Learn more about FutureGen and the Alliance at <http://www.FutureGenAlliance.org/>.